

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

RAY MCARTHUR FREENEY,

Petitioner,

VS.

Cause No.

WILLIAM STEPHENS, Director,
Texas Department of Criminal
Justice, Institutional Division,

DEATH PENALTY CASE

Respondent

ORDER APPOINTING COUNSEL

Donald Vernay has filed a motion to have Donald Vernay and Michael Charlton appointed as co-counsel for the Petitioner in his proceeding seeking Federal Habeas Corpus Relief. Under 18 U.S.C. § 3599(a)(2) “any [capital habeas petitioner] who is or becomes financially unable to obtain adequate representation . . . shall be entitled to the appointment of one or more attorneys.” This appointment is conditional upon the Petitioner filing an *in forma pauperis* application indicating his indigence and therefore his entitlement to appointment of counsel.

The Court conditionally finds that federal law entitles Mr. Freeney to the appointment of federal habeas counsel. The Court conditionally authorizes Mr. Freeney to proceed in federal court without the prepayment of fees. The Court appoints Donald Vernay and Michael B. Charlton to represent Mr. Freeney throughout his federal habeas proceedings.

Counsel will be compensated at the rate of \$178.00 per hour pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3599(g)(1) and may submit interim payment requests for their work performed under this appointment.

Mr. Freeney can fulfill the conditions of this appointment by filing a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* with an accompanying showing of indigence within thirty (30) days of this Order.

Entered this _____ day of _____, 2014.

United States District Judge